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SUMMARY: FOLLOWING FLURRY OF CORRIDOR NEGOTIATIONS, FIRST COMITE CHAIRMAN BORCH ANNOUNCED MID-DAY NOV 21 THAT COSPONSORS L.644 AND L.645 HAD AGREED ON CONSENSUS STATEMENT AND THAT NEITHER OF THESE RESES WOULD BE PUT TO VOTE. COMITE ADOPTED CONSENSUS. SPONSORS OF OTHER RESES AGREED NOT TO PRESS THEM TO VOTE. FIRST COMITE DEBATE ON KOREA CLOSED WITH REITERATION BY DPRK VICE FOREIGN MINISTER THAT CONSENSUS WAS VICTORY FOR NORTH KOREA. ROK PERMREP PARK NOTED, IN CONTRASTING CONCILIATORY TONE, THAT CONSENSUS WAS CONSTRUCTIVE RESULT AND URGED DPRK RESUME SOUTH-NORTH TALKS SOON AND WITHOUT CONDITIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. FIRST COMITE OPENED NOV 21 WITH SEVERAL PRO-DPRK SPEAKERS (HUNGARY AND BYELORUSSIA) WHILE FINAL NEGOTIATIONS RELATING TO OTHER RESOLUTIONS CONTINUED IN CORRIDORS. ALGERIAN AND NETHERLANDS PERMREPS RAHAL AND FACK MET WITH CHAIRMAN BORCH
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TO GIVE HIM COPY OF CONSENSUS TEXT. FACK TOLD BORCH THAT

SAUDI DEP PERMREP BAROODY, WHO NOW AWARE OF CONSENSUS, STILL PLANNING TO INTRODUCE NEW RES AND PRESS FOR VOTE. TUNISIAN PERMREP DRISS HAD AGREED TO NOT PRESS HIS RES TO VOTE. BORCH IMMEDIATELY MET WITH BAROODY AND AFTER ONE HALF HOUR OF FLATTERY AND CAJOLERY, BAROODY AGREED TO INTRODUCE HIS RES (L.664, POUCHED TO UNP/KIMBALL) BUT NOT PRESS IT TO VOTE. BAROODY RES WAS DULY INTRODUCED, WITH ALECTURE ON US (AND OTHER) IMPERIALISM. BAROODY ALSO EXPRESSED PIQUE AT NOT HAVING BEEN INFORMED EARLIER OF CONSENSUS. DRISS ANNOUNCED THAT HE AND COSPONSORS OF L.661 WERE PLEASED WITH CONSENSUS AND WOULD NOT THEREFORE PUT THEIR RES TO VOTE. BORCH THEN, AT ABOUT 12:20 PM, ANNOUNCED THAT AGREEMENT REACHED AND WITH COMITE APPROVAL DECIDED TO END KOREAN DEBATE AND READ CONSENSUS TEXT WHICH COMITE ADOPTED.

2. BORCH URGED SPEAKERS FOR THAT AFTERNOON AND FOR NOV 26 TO RECONSIDER DECISION TO SPEAK. AFTERNOON SESSION DEVOTED TO HEARING STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF CONSENSUS. LIBYA SUPPORTED GRUDGINGLY, CONFIRMING ITS SUPPORT FOR REMOVAL FOREIGN TROOPS AND END TO REACTIONARY IMPERIALISM. DPRK VICE FONMIN LI THANKED COMITE FOR INVITATION TO SPEAK AND THEN REITERATED NORTH KOREAN SUPPORT FOR WITHDRAWAL FOREIGN TROOPS FROM SOUTH KOREA AND REMOVAL UNC. IN MARKEDLY MORE CONCILIATORY TONE, ROK AMB PARK, SPEAKING OF NORTH KOREAN "BROTHERS", EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT COMPROMISE AND HOPED THAT THIS WOULD ASSIST IN NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE INCLUDING EARLY RESUMPTION TALKS WITHOUT CONDITIONS BY DPRK. (ALL STATEMENTS REPORTED IN USUN UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY.) INTERESTINGLY, SOVIET PERMREP MALIK, WHO HAS ATTENDED PREVIOUS KOREAN DEBATE SESSIONS, DID NOT APPEAR IN FIRST COMITE ENTIRE DAY.

3. AFTER MORNING SESSION DPRK GAVE PRESS CONFERENCE CLAIMING THAT CONSENSUS GREAT VICTORY FOR NORTH KOREA, END OF UNCRUK MEANT ULTIMATE END OF UNC AND REMOVAL OF US FORCES FROM ROK, ANC CONSENSUS GREAT DEFEAT FOR US.

4. ALGERIAN DELOFF TOLD NEW YORK TIMES CORRESPONDENT, WITH WIDE SHRUG OF ARMS, THAT IF NORTH KOREANS HAPPY WITH COMPROMISE, ALGERIA COULD NOT ARGUE WITH AGREEMENT. SEVERAL DELS HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR SURPRISE THAT NORTH KOREANS WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SETTLE FOR SO LITTLE. WE HAVE AMDE POINT, SUPPORTING ROK POSITION, THAT MAJOR VICTORY IS THAT NEITHER SIDE LOST VOTE ON RES AND THE ATMOSPHERE HAS NOW GREATLY IMPROVED FOR DIRECT SOUTH-NORTH KOREAN TALKS.

5. PLENARY CONSIDERATION OF CONSENSUS NOT YET SCHEDULED.
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